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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 2332

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DEPT PASS AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PDEV RH US UK  
SUBJ: SUSPICION OF US-UK COLLUSION ON RHODESIAN INTERNAL OPTION

1. DIRECT EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH LEADING ZAMBIANS IN AND  
OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND REPORTS OF THE VIEWS OF OTHERS,  
INDICATE CONSIDERABLE SUSPICION IN LUSAKA THAT THE US  
AND UK MAY BE ACTIVELY SUPPORTING AN INTERNAL OPTION IN  
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RHODESIA. THIS VIEW HAS BEEN STIMULATED BY THE  
SIMULTANEOUS OCCURRENCE OF TLZO EVENTS: RENEWAL OF ACTIVITY  
IN THE U.S. AND BRITAIN TO SUPPORT AN INITIATIVE FOR AN  
EARLY SETTLEMENT, AND SMITH'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN  
ELECTION TO BE FOLLOWED BY A SETTLEMENT INSIDE  
RHODESIA. THE SUSPICION IS THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN  
INITIATIVE IS WORKING TOWARDS SOME KIND OF COMPROMISE

WITH SMITH PERMITTING HIM TO STAGE AN ELECTION WHICH  
WOULD INSTALL MUZOREWA OR SITHOLE AS LEADER OF AN  
INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE.

2. IRRATIONAL AS SUCH A CONTENTION MAY BE, IT IS  
PERHAPS NO MORE SO THAN THE FEELING IN SOUTH AFRICA  
AND RHODESIA THAT THE U.S. AND UK ARE ALLOWING THE  
PATRIOTIC FRONT TO DICTATE TERMS OF OUR PROPOSAL,  
TO A CERTAIN DEGREE CRITICISM AND SUSPICION OF THE  
U.S. AND UK AS INTERMEDIARIES IS TO BE EXPECTED AND  
IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARILY HARMFUL  
FOR EACH OF THE PARTIES TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO GO  
AHEAD WITHOUT IT.

3. NEVERTHELESS, I AM CONCERNED THAT MUZOREWA'S VISIT TO  
LONDON, COMING JUST AT THE TIME OF THE BOTHA MEETING WITH DR.  
OWEN AND SECRETARY VANCE, WILL ADD CONSIDERABLE FUEL TO THE  
CONTENTION THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING SMITH'S INTERNAL OPTION.  
WE CERTAINLY HAVE EVERY REASON TO SEE MUZOREWA AS WELL AS  
NKOMO BUT THE TIMING OF THE VISIT IN JUXTAPOSITION WITH BOTHA'S  
SEEMS UNFORTUNATE. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS SOME THOUGHT THAT OWEN  
MAY SEE MUZOREWA TWICE: ONCE BEFORE THE BOTHA VISIT, AND THEN  
AGAIN AFTER IT. IT SEEMS TO ME THIS WOULD GREATLY STIMULATE  
SUSPICIONS MENTIONED ABOVE. FURTHERMORE, SUCH CONCERNS MIGHT  
CAUSE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS TO HESITATE IN ISSUING INVITATIONS  
TO DR. OWEN AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO MEET WITH THEM IN AFRICA,  
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PARTICULARLY IF SUCH A MEETING WOULD APPEAR TO BE A FRONTLINE  
STAMP OF APPROVAL ON U.S.-UK SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNAL OPTION.  
AS A MINIMUM IT COULD CAUSE THE FRONTLINE LEADERS TO ISSUE  
STATEMENTS REINFORCING THEIR EXCLUSIVE SUPPORT FOR A SETTLEMENT  
ACCEPTABLE TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. LOW

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